

**Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section – Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2026**

**Members Present:**

Matt Christensen (MTC), Tecla Druffel, Rhett Miller, J.B. Evans, Heidi Buck Morrison, Jeff Andrews

**Members Excused:**

Hon. Brent Wilson

**Non-Members Present:**

Teresa Baker, Idaho State Bar

Dave Swartley, Bankruptcy Historical Society (working title)

**1. Call to Order**

No official call to order, but meeting started approximately 4:00 pm MST. MTC joined shortly after meeting started.

**2. Approval of Prior Minutes**

MTC moved; JB seconded. November minutes approved.

**3. Grant Request – Idaho Women Lawyers**

Request considered and declined. Decision unanimous.

**4. 2026 Seminar Update (Report by J.B.)**

- Discussion regarding schedule change related to the banquet. JB and Teresa will gather additional information and will likely revise agenda to include banquet, subject to hotel availability and other logistics and financial considerations.
- Heidi's firm will donate \$500 as a sponsor.
- Judges' Breakfast remains scheduled for Saturday morning.
- IVLP will present at the end of the Section business meeting regarding a bankruptcy clinic.
- Section Board Member election updates: Current nominations include:
  - North Idaho: Julia C. Schoffstall
  - Boise: Holly Sutherland
  - There will be write-in opportunities
- Ford will present award to professionalism recipient.
- Introductions for Speakers: JB asked for Board input and will follow up by email.
- Current registration reflects approximately 30 attendees. Historically, higher turnout in Boise. Current Board members will reach out to colleagues to encourage registration.

### **5. Legal History Project (Guest Speaker: Dave Swartley)**

JB and Dave have met twice regarding the project. Dave has been reviewing *The Advocate* archives beginning around 1975. He located a 1972 article announcing the formation of the Section. He will follow up with interviews of original founders.

### **6. Additional Board Discussion**

Discussion regarding current membership numbers and inviting students to attend.

### **7. Next Meeting**

March 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. MST.

### **8. Adjournment**

JB moved to adjourn; Heidi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. MST.